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To the Judiciary Committee,

As a lifelong, hardworking, law abiding, taxpaying resident of Connecticut that was raised in this great state that was home to the world's finest firearms manufacturers and grew up in the shooting and hunting cultures, I feel obligated to submit testimony on the current package of firearms related bills that are to come before the legislature. Our second amendment rights are one of the most important things about being American and preserving our freedom. A quick look around the world or study of history will support that. It is obvious that Governor Lamont realizes this as well, as evidenced by his recognition of gun stores as essential businesses during Covid-19 shutdowns.

Regarding S.B.16, I urge you to oppose this bill. The title is very misleading; much of what it deals with has been federal law since 1968. Worrying about a particular firearm, or its features or name, is avoiding the underlying issues of dealing with the people and type of people who commit heinous crimes. How often is a career criminal allowed back out to re-offend, or how often is nothing done about a person who is a known threat to society? Technology is changing so quickly that the worry should not be about things designed in the 1950's, but about people who choose to do bad things with them. Putting state and local licensing restrictions on firearms dealers (FFL) is not only redundant, but adds so many layers of bureaucracy that it makes business near impossible, as well as adding opportunities for corruption.

H.B. 5416 I urge you to oppose as well. A collector could easily do more business that that in 30 days.

S.B. 388, I urge you to support, we all need to be able to defend ourselves

H.B. 5415, I urge you to support

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Thank you for your attention,

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